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## *Liturgy Planning for Christian Funerals*



*If we die with Christ, we shall live with Him,  
and if we are faithful to the end,  
we shall reign with Him.*

*~ 2 Timothy 2:11b-12a*



## Scripture Readings for Funerals

### Old Testament Readings

1. 2 Maccabees 12:43-46
2. Job 19:1, 23-27
3. Proverbs 3:1-6
4. Proverbs 4:1-10
5. Proverbs 31:10-12, 20, 25-31
6. Ecclesiastes 3:1-11
7. Wisdom 3:1-9 or 3:1-6, 9
8. Wisdom 4:7-15 or 4:7-10a, 13-14
9. Sirach 2:1-11
10. Sirach 3:2-7, 12-14
11. Sirach 6:5-6, 14-17
12. Sirach 26:1-4, 13-16
13. Sirach 44:1, 10-15
14. Isaiah 25:6a, 7-9
15. Isaiah 40:28-31
16. Isaiah 43:1-4
17. Isaiah 55:1-3
18. Lamentations 3:17-26
19. Daniel 12:1-3

### Responsorial Psalms

20. Psalm 23
21. Psalm 25
22. Psalm 27
23. Psalm 42 and 43
24. Psalm 63
25. Psalm 103
26. Psalm 116
27. Psalm 122
28. Psalm 130
29. Psalm 143

### New Testament Readings

30. Acts 10:34-43 or 10:34-36, 42-43
31. Revelation 14:13
32. Revelation 20:11-15, 21:1
33. Revelation 21:1-5a, 6b-7
34. Revelation 21:4-7
35. Romans 5:5-11
36. Romans 6:17-21
37. Romans 6:3-9 or 6:3-4, 8-9
38. Romans 8:14-23
39. Romans 8:31b-35, 37-39
40. Romans 14:7-9, 10c-12
41. 1 Corinthians 13:1-13 or 13:4-13
42. 1 Corinthians 15:20-28 or 15:20-23
43. 1 Corinthians 15:51-57
44. 2 Corinthians 4:7-11, 16-18
45. 2 Corinthians 4:14-5:1
46. 2 Corinthians 5:1, 6-10
47. Philippians 3:20-21
48. Philippians 4:4-9
49. 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

50. 2 Timothy 2:8-13
51. 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 18
52. 1 John 3:1-2
53. 1 John 3:14-16
54. 1 John 4:7-12

### Verse Before the Gospel

55. Matthew 11:25
56. Matthew 11:28
57. Matthew 25:34
58. John 3:16
59. John 6:39
60. John 6:40
61. John 6:51a
62. John 11:25a, 26
63. Philippians 3:20
64. 2 Timothy 2:11b-12a
65. Revelation 1:5a, 6b
66. Revelation 14:13

### Gospel Readings

67. Matthew 5:1-12a
68. Matthew 11:25-30
69. Matthew 18:1-5
70. Matthew 25:1-13
71. Matthew 25:31-46
72. Mark 15:33-39; 16:1-6 or 15:33-39
73. Luke 7:11-17
74. Luke 9:23-27
75. Luke 12:35-40
76. Luke 20:34-38
77. Luke 23:33, 39-43
78. Luke 23:44-46, 50, 52-53; 24:1-6a or 44-46, 50, 52-53
79. Luke 24:13-35 or 24:13-16, 28-35
80. John 5:24-29
81. John 6:37-40
82. John 6:51-58
83. John 11:17-27 or 11:21-27
84. John 11:32-45
85. John 12:23-32 or 12:23-26
86. John 13:33-35
87. John 14:1-6
88. John 14:18-20, 27
89. John 15:1-7 or 9-12
90. John 16:20-23
91. John 17:24-26
92. John 19:17-18, 25-30

## **OLD TESTAMENT READINGS**

### ***1. A reading from the second book of Maccabees 12:43-46***

Judas [the ruler of Israel] then took up a collection among all his soldiers, amounting to two thousand silver drachmas, which he sent to Jerusalem to provide for an expiatory sacrifice.

In doing this he acted in a very excellent and noble way, inasmuch as he had the resurrection of the dead in view; for if he were not expecting the fallen to rise again, it would have been useless and foolish to pray for them in death. But if he did this with a view to the splendid reward that awaits those who had gone to rest in godliness, it was a holy and pious thought. Thus he made atonement for the dead that they might be freed from this sin.

**The Word of the Lord.**

### ***2. A reading from the book of Job 19:1, 23-27***

Job answered and said: Oh, would that my words were written down!

Would that they were inscribed in a record: That with an iron chisel and with lead they were cut in the rock forever!

But as for me, I know that my Vindicator lives, and that he will at last stand forth upon the dust;

Whom I myself shall see: my own eyes, not another's, shall behold him,

And from my flesh I shall see God; my inmost being is consumed with longing.

**The Word of the Lord.**

### ***3. A reading from the book of Proverbs 3:1-6***

My son, forget not my teaching, keep in mind my commands;

For many days, and years of life, and peace, will they bring you.

Let not kindness and fidelity leave you; bind them around your neck;

Then will you win favor and good esteem before God and man.

Trust in the LORD with all your heart, on your own intelligence rely not;

In all your ways be mindful of him, and he will make straight your paths.

**The word of the Lord.**

### ***4. A reading from the book of Proverbs 4:1-10***

Hear, O children, a father's instruction, be attentive, that you may gain understanding! Yes, excellent advice I give you; my teaching do not forsake. When I was my father's child, frail, yet the darling of my mother, He taught me, and said to me: "Let your heart hold fast my words: keep my commands, that you may live!

Get wisdom, get understanding! Do not forget or turn aside from the words I utter. Forsake her not, and she will preserve you; love her, and she will safeguard you; The beginning of wisdom is: get wisdom; at the cost of all you have, get understanding. Extol her, and she will exalt you; she will bring you honors if you embrace her; She will put on your head a graceful diadem; a glorious crown will she bestow on you."

Hear, my son, and receive my words, and the years of your life shall be many.

**The Word of the Lord.**

### ***5. A Reading from the book of Proverbs 31:10-12, 20, 25-31***

When one finds a worthy wife, her value is far beyond pearls. Her husband, entrusting his heart to her, has an un-failing prize. She brings him good, and not evil, all the days of her life.

She enjoys the success of her dealings; at night her lamp is undimmed. She reaches out her hands to the poor, and extends her arms to the needy. She is clothed with strength and dignity, and she laughs at the days to come. She opens her mouth in wisdom, and on her tongue is kindly counsel. Her children rise up and praise her; her husband, too, extols her: "Many are the women of proven worth, but you have excelled them all." Charm is deceptive and beauty fleeting; the woman who fears the LORD is to be praised. Give her a reward of her labors, and let her works praise her at the city gates.

**The Word of the Lord.**

## **6. A reading from the book of Ecclesiastes 3:1-11**

"There is an appointed time for everything and a time for every affair under the heavens.

A time to be born, and a time to die; A time to plant, and a time to uproot the plant.

A time to kill, and a time to heal; A time to tear down, and a time to build.

A time to weep, and a time to laugh; A time to mourn, and a time to dance.

A time to scatter stones, and a time to gather them.

A time to embrace, and a time to be far from embraces.

A time to seek, and a time to lose; A time to keep, and a time to cast away.

A time to rend, and a time to sew; A time to be silent, and a time to speak.

A time to love, and a time to hate; A time of war, and a time of peace.

What advantage has the worker from his toil? I have considered the task which God has appointed for men to be busied about. God has made everything appropriate to its time, and has put the timeless into their hearts, without men's ever discovering, from beginning to end, the work which God has done. I recognized that there is nothing better than to be glad and to do well during life. For every man, moreover, to eat and drink and enjoy the fruit of all his labor is a gift of God. I recognized that whatever God does will endure forever; there is no adding to it, or taking from it. Thus has God done that he may be revered. What now is has already been; what is to be, already is; and God restores what would otherwise be displaced.

**The Word of the Lord.**

## **7. A reading from the book of Wisdom 3:1-9 or 3:1-6, 9**

The souls of the just are in the hand of God, and no torment shall touch them.

They seemed, in the view of the foolish, to be dead; and their passing away was thought an affliction and their going forth from us, utter destruction. But they are in peace. For if before men, indeed, they be punished, yet is their hope full of immortality; Chastised a little, they shall be greatly blessed, because God tried them and found them worthy of himself. As gold in the furnace, he proved them, and as sacrificial offerings he took them to himself.

*[In the time of their visitation they shall shine, and shall dart about as sparks through stubble; They shall judge nations and rule over peoples, and the Lord shall be their King forever.]*

Those who trust in him shall understand truth, and the faithful shall abide with him in love: Because grace and mercy are with his holy ones, and his care is with his elect.

**The Word of the Lord.**

## **8. A reading from the book of Wisdom 4:7-15 or 4:7-10a, 13-14**

The righteous one, though he die early, shall be at rest. For the age that is honorable comes not with the passing of time, nor can it be measured in terms of years. Rather, understanding passes for gray hair, and an unsullied life is the attainment of old age. The one who pleased God was loved;

*[he who lived among sinners was transported -- Snatched away, lest wickedness pervert his mind or deceit beguile his soul; For the witchery of paltry things obscures what is right and the whirl of desire transforms the innocent mind.]*

Having become perfect in a short while, he reached the fullness of a long career; for his soul was pleasing to the Lord, therefore he sped him out of the midst of wickedness. But the people saw and did not understand, nor did they take this into account.

**The Word of the Lord.**

**9. A reading from the book of Sirach 2:1-11**

My son, when you come to serve the Lord, prepare yourself for trials. Be sincere of heart and steadfast, undisturbed in time of adversity. Cling to him, forsake him not; thus will your future be great.

Accept whatever befalls you, in crushing misfortune be patient;

For in fire gold is tested, and worthy men in the crucible of humiliation.

Trust God and he will help you; make straight your ways and hope in him.

You who fear the Lord, wait for his mercy, turn not away lest you fall.

You who fear the Lord, trust him, and your reward will not be lost.

You who fear the Lord, hope for good things, for lasting joy and mercy.

Study the generations long past and understand; has anyone hoped in the Lord and been disappointed?

Has anyone persevered in his fear and been forsaken? Has anyone called upon him and been rebuffed?

Compassionate and merciful is the Lord; he forgives sins, he saves in time of trouble.

**The word of the Lord.**

**10. A reading from the book of Sirach 3:2-7, 12-14**

The Lord sets a father in honor over his children; a mother's authority he confirms over his family.

They who honor their father atone for sins and when they pray are heard. They store up riches who revere their mother.

They who revere their father will live a long life. They obey the Lord who brings comfort to their mother.

My children, take care of your father when he is old; grieve him not as long as he lives.

Even if his mind fail, be considerate with him; revile him not in the fullness of your strength.

For kindness to a father will not be forgotten, it will serve as a sin offering – It will take lasting root.

**The word of the Lord.**

**11. A reading from the book of Sirach 6:5-6, 14-17**

A kind mouth multiplies friends, and gracious lips prompt friendly greetings.

Let your acquaintances be many, but one in a thousand your confidant.

A faithful friend is a sturdy shelter; he who finds one finds a treasure.

A faithful friend is beyond price, no sum can balance his worth.

A faithful friend is a life-saving remedy, such as he who fears God finds;

For he who fears God behaves accordingly, and his friends will be like himself.

**The word of the Lord.**

**12. A reading from the book of Sirach 26:1-4, 13-16**

Happy the husband of a good wife, twice-lengthened are his days;

A worthy wife brings joy to her husband, peaceful and full is his life.

A good wife is a generous gift bestowed upon him who fears the Lord;

Be he rich or poor, his heart is content, and a smile is ever on his face.

A gracious wife delights her husband, her thoughtfulness puts flesh on his bones;

A gift from the Lord is her governed speech, and her firm virtue is of surpassing worth.

Like the sun rising in the Lord's heavens, the beauty of a virtuous wife is the radiance of her home.

**The word of the Lord.**

**13. A reading from the Book of Sirach 44:1, 10-15**

Now I will praise these Godly men, our ancestors, each in his own time. Yet these were Godly men whose virtues have not been forgotten; their wealth remains in their families, their heritage with their descendants;

Through God's covenant with them, their progeny endures; their posterity for their sake. And for all time their progeny will endure; their glory will never be blotted out; Their bodies are peacefully laid away, but their name lives on and on. At gatherings their wisdom is retold, and the assembly proclaims their praise.

**The word of the Lord.**

***14. A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah 25:6a, 7-9***

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will provide for all peoples. On this mountain he will destroy the veil that veils all peoples, The web that is woven over all nations; he will destroy death forever. The Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces; The reproach of his people he will remove from the whole earth; for the Lord has spoken. On that day it will be said: "Behold our God, to whom we looked to save us! The Lord for whom we looked; let us rejoice and be glad that he has saved us!" **The Word of the Lord.**

***15. A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah 40:28-31***

Do you not know or have you not heard? The Lord is the eternal God, creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint nor grow weary, and his knowledge is beyond scrutiny. He gives strength to the fainting; for the weak he makes vigor abound. Though young men faint and grow weary, and youths stagger and fall, They that hope in the Lord will renew their strength, they will soar as with eagles' wings; They will run and not grow weary, walk and not grow faint. **The Word of the Lord.**

***16. A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah 43:1-4***

Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name: you are mine. When you pass through the water, I will be with you; in the rivers you shall not drown. When you walk through fire, you shall not be burned; the flames shall not consume you. For I am the Lord, your God, the Holy One of Israel, your savior. You are precious in my eyes and glorious, I love you. **The Word of the Lord.**

***17. A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah 55:1-3***

All you who are thirsty, come to the water!  
You who have no money, come, receive grain and eat;  
Come, without paying and without cost, drink wine and milk!  
Why spend your money for what is not bread; your wages for what fails to satisfy?  
Heed me, and you shall eat well, you shall delight in rich fare.  
Come to me heedfully, listen, that you may have life.  
I will renew with you the everlasting covenant.  
**The Word of the Lord.**

***18. A reading from the book of Lamentations 3:17-26***

My soul is deprived of peace, I have forgotten what happiness is; I tell myself my future is lost, all that I hoped for from the Lord. The thought of my homeless poverty is wormwood and gall; Remembering it over and over leaves my soul downcast within me. But I will call this to mind, as my reason to have hope: The favors of the Lord are not exhausted, his mercies are not spent; They are renewed each morning, so great is his faithfulness. My portion is the Lord, says my soul; therefore will I hope in him. Good is the Lord to one who waits for him, to the soul that seeks him; It is good to hope in silence for the saving help of the Lord.  
**The Word of the Lord.**

***19. A reading from the book of the prophet Daniel 12:1-3***

[I Daniel, mourned and I heard this word of the Lord:] "At that time there shall arise Michael, the great prince, guardian of your people; It shall be a time unsurpassed in distress since nations began until that time. At that time your people shall escape, everyone who is found written in the book. Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake; Some shall live forever, others shall be an everlasting horror and disgrace. But the wise shall shine brightly like the splendor of the firmament, And those who lead the many to justice shall be like the stars forever."  
**The Word of the Lord.**

## **RESPONSORIAL PSALMS—Typically sung by Psalmist**

### **20. Psalm 23**

**Response:** *The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.*

Or:

*Though I walk in the valley of darkness, I fear no evil, for you are with me.*

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. In verdant pastures he gives me repose;  
Beside restful waters he leads me; he refreshes my soul. **R**

He guides me in right paths for his namesake.  
Even though I walk in the dark valley I fear no evil; for you are at my side  
With your rod and your staff that give me courage. **R**

You spread the table before me in the sight of my foes;  
You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. **R**

Only goodness and kindness follow me all the days of my life;  
And I shall dwell in the house of the Lord for years to come. **R**

### **21. Psalm 25**

**Response:** *To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.*

Or:

*No one who waits for you, O Lord, will ever be put to shame.*

Remember that your compassion, O Lord, and your kindness are from of old.  
In your kindness remember me, because of your goodness, O Lord. **R**

Relieve the troubles of my heart, and bring me out of my distress.  
Put an end to my affliction and my suffering, and take away all my sins. **R**

Preserve my life, and rescue me; let me not be put to shame, for I take refuge in you.  
Let integrity and uprightness preserve me, because I wait for you, O Lord. **R**

### **22. Psalm 27**

**Response:** *The Lord is my light and my salvation.*

Or:

*I believe that I shall see the good things of the Lord in the land of the living.*

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom should I fear?  
The Lord is my life's refuge; of whom should I be afraid? **R**

One thing I ask of the Lord; this I seek: to dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life,  
That I may gaze on the loveliness of the Lord and contemplate his temple. **R**

Hear, O Lord, the sound of my call; have pity on me, and answer me.  
Your presence, O Lord, I seek. Hide not your face from me. **R**

I believe that I shall see the bounty of the Lord in the land of the living.  
Wait for the Lord with courage; be stouthearted, and wait for the Lord. **R**



### **23. Psalm 42 and 43**

**Response:** *Like a deer that longs for running streams, my soul longs for you, my God.*

Athirst is my soul for God, the living God.  
When shall I go and behold the face of God? **R**

I went with the throng and led them in procession to the house of God,  
Amid loud cries of joy and thanksgiving with the multitude keeping festival. **R**

Send forth your light and your fidelity; They shall lead me on  
And bring me to your holy mountain, to your dwelling-place. **R**

Then will I go in to the altar of God, The God of my gladness and joy;  
Then will I give you thanks upon the harp, O God, my God! **R**

### **24. Psalm 63**

**Response:** *My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.*

O God, you are my God whom I seek; for you my flesh pines and my soul thirsts  
like the earth, parched, lifeless and without water. **R**

Thus have I gazed toward you in the sanctuary to see your power and your glory.  
For your kindness is a greater good than life; my lips shall glorify you. **R**

Thus will I bless you while I live; lifting up my hands, I will call upon your name.  
As with the riches of a banquet shall my soul be satisfied, and with exultant lips my mouth shall praise you. **R**

You are my help, and in the shadow of your wings I shout for joy.  
My soul clings fast to you; your right hand upholds me. **R**

### **25. Psalm 103**

**Response:** *The Lord is kind and merciful.*

Merciful and gracious is the Lord, slow to anger and abounding in kindness.  
Not according to our sins does he deal with us, nor does he requite us according to our crimes. **R**

As a father has compassion on his children, so the Lord has compassion on those who fear him,  
For he knows how we are formed; he remembers that we are dust. **R**

Man's days are like those of grass; like a flower of the field he blooms;  
The wind sweeps over him and he is gone, and his place knows him no more. **R**

But the kindness of the Lord is from eternity to eternity toward those who fear him,  
And his justice toward children's children among those who keep his covenant  
and remember to fulfill his precepts. **R**

## **26. Psalm 116**

**Response:** *I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.*

Gracious is the Lord and just; yes, our God is merciful.  
The Lord keeps the little ones; I was brought low, and he saved me. **R**

I believed, even when I said, "I am greatly afflicted;  
I said in my alarm, "No man is dependable." **R**

Precious in the eyes of the Lord is the death of his faithful ones.  
O Lord, I am your servant; you have loosed my bonds. **R**

## **27. Psalm 122**

**Response:** *Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.*

I rejoiced because they said to me, "We will go up to the house of the Lord."  
And now we have set foot within your gates, O Jerusalem. **R**

Jerusalem, built as a city with compact unity.  
To it the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord. **R**

According to the decree for Israel, to give thanks to the name of the Lord.  
In it are set up judgment seats, seats for the house of David. **R**

## **28. Psalm 130**

**Response:** *Out of the depths, I cry to you, Lord. Or: I hope in the Lord, I trust in his word.*

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord; Lord, hear my voice!  
Let your ears be attentive to my voice in supplication. **R**

If you, O Lord, mark iniquities, Lord, who can stand?  
But with you is forgiveness, that you may be revered. **R**

I trust in the Lord; my soul trusts in his word.  
My soul waits for the Lord more than sentinels wait for the dawn. **R**

For with the Lord is kindness and with him is plenteous redemption;  
And he will redeem Israel from all their iniquities. **R**

## **29. Psalm 143**

**Response:** *O Lord, hear my prayer.*

O Lord, hear my prayer; hearken to my pleading in your faithfulness;  
in your justice answer me. And enter not into judgment with your servant,  
for before you no living man is just. **R**

I remember the days of old; I meditate on all your doings, the works of your hands I ponder.  
I stretch out my hands to you; my soul thirsts for you like parched land. **R**

Hasten to answer me, O Lord, for my spirit fails me.  
At dawn let me hear of your kindness, for in you I trust. **R**

Teach me to do your will, for you are my God.  
May your good spirit guide me on level ground. **R**

## **NEW TESTAMENT** **READINGS**

*Note: During the Easter season, readings from (Acts 10:34-43); (Rev. 14:13);  
(Rev 20:11-21:1); or (Rev. 21:1-5a, 6b-7)  
is used as the first reading instead of a reading from the Old Testament.*

### **30. A reading from the Acts of the Apostles 10:34-43 or 10:34-36, 42-43**

Peter proceeded to address the people in these words:

"In truth, I see that God shows no partiality. Rather, in every nation whoever fears him and acts uprightly is acceptable to him. You know the word that he sent to the Israelites as he proclaimed peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all,

*[what has happened all over Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached, how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the holy Spirit and power. He went about doing good and healing all those oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree. This man God raised on the third day and granted that he be visible, not to all the people, but to us, the witnesses chosen by God in advance, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead.]*

He commissioned us to preach to the people and testify that he is the one appointed by God as judge of the living and the dead. To him all the prophets bear witness, that everyone who believes in him will receive forgiveness of sins through his name."

**The Word of the Lord.**

### **31. A reading from the book of Revelation 14:13**

I heard a voice from heaven say, "Write this: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on." "Yes," said the Spirit, "Let them find rest from their labors, for their works accompany them."

**The Word of the Lord.**

### **32. A reading from the book of Revelation 20:11-15, 21:1**

I saw a large white throne and the one who was sitting on it. The earth and the sky fled from his presence and there was no place for them. I saw the dead, the great and the lowly, standing before the throne, and scrolls were opened. Then another scroll was opened, the book of life. The dead were judged according to their deeds, by what was written in the scrolls. The sea gave up its dead; then Death and Hades gave up their dead. All the dead were judged according to their deeds. Then Death and Hades were thrown into the pool of fire. (This pool of fire is the second death.) Anyone whose name was not found written in the book of life was thrown into the pool of fire.

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth. The former heaven and the former earth had passed away, and the sea was no more.

**The Word of the Lord.**

### **33. A reading from the book of Revelation 21:1-5a, 6b-7**

I saw a new heaven and a new earth. The former heaven and the former earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. I also saw the holy city, a new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, God's dwelling is with the human race. He will dwell with them and they will be his people and God himself will always be with them as their God. He will wipe every tear from their eyes, and there shall be no more death or mourning, wailing or pain, for the old order has passed away."

The one who sat on the throne said, "Behold, I make all things new. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give a gift from the spring of life-giving water. The victor will inherit these gifts, and I shall be his God, and he will be my son."

**The Word of the Lord.**

**34. A reading from the book of Revelation 21:4-7**

He will wipe every tear from their eyes, and there shall be no more death or mourning, wailing or pain, for the old order has passed away.

The one who sat on the throne said, "Behold, I make all things new." Then he said, "Write these words down, for they are trustworthy and true."

He said to me, "They are accomplished. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give a gift from the spring of life-giving water.

The victor will inherit these gifts, and I shall be his God, and he will be my son.

**The Word of the Lord.**

**35. A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans 5:5-11**

Hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the holy Spirit that has been given to us. For Christ, while we were still helpless, yet died at the appointed time for the ungodly. Indeed, only with difficulty does one die for a just person, though perhaps for a good person one might even find courage to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us. How much more then, since we are now justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath. In deed, if, while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, how much more, once reconciled, will we be saved by his life. Not only that, but we also boast of God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

**The Word of the Lord.**

**36. A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans 5:17-21**

If, by the transgression of one person, death came to reign through that one, how much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and of the gift of justification come to reign in life through the one person Jesus Christ. In conclusion, just as through one transgression condemnation came upon all, so through one righteous act acquittal and life came to all. For just as through the disobedience of one person the many were made sinners, so through the obedience of one the many will be made righteous. The law entered in so that transgression might increase but, where sin increased, grace overflowed all the more, so that, as sin reigned in death, grace also might reign through justification for eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**The Word of the Lord.**

**37. A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans 6:3-9 or 6:3-4, 8-9**

Are you unaware that we who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were indeed buried with him through baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live in newness of life.

*[For if we have grown into union with him through a death like his, we shall also be united with him in the resurrection. We know that our old self was crucified with him, so that our sinful body might be done away with, that we might no longer be in slavery to sin. For a dead person has been absolved from sin.]*

If, then, we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him. We know that Christ, raised from the dead, dies no more; death no longer has power over him.

**The Word of the Lord.**

**38. A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans 8:14-23**

Those who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you received a spirit of adoption, through which we cry, Abba, "Father!" The Spirit itself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if only we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are as nothing compared with the glory to be revealed for us. For creation awaits with eager expectation the revelation of the children of God; for creation was made subject to futility, not of its own accord but because of the one who subjected it, in hope that creation itself would be set free from slavery to corruption and share in the glorious freedom of the children of God. We know that all creation is groaning in labor pains even until now; and not only that, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, we also groan within ourselves as we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. **The Word of the Lord.**

**39. A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans 8:31b-35, 37-39**

Brothers and sisters: If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son but handed him over for us all, how will he not also give us everything else along with him? Who will bring a charge against God's chosen ones? It is God who acquits us. Who will condemn? It is Christ Jesus who died, rather, was raised, who also is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us.

What will separate us from the love of Christ? Will anguish, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or the sword? No, in all these things we conquer overwhelmingly through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor present things, nor future things, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**The Word of the Lord.**

**40. A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans 14:7-9, 10c-12**

None of us lives for oneself, and no one dies for oneself. For if we live, we live for the Lord, and if we die, we die for the Lord; so then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's. For this is why Christ died and came to life, that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living. For we shall all stand before the judgment seat of God; for it is written: "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bend before me, and every tongue shall give praise to God." So then each of us shall give an account of himself to God.

**The Word of the Lord.**

**41. A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians 13:1-13 or 13:4-13**

If I speak in human and angelic tongues but do not have love, I am a resounding gong or a clashing cymbal. And if I have the gift of prophecy and comprehend all mysteries and all knowledge; if I have all faith so as to move mountains but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away everything I own, and if I hand my body over so that I may boast but do not have love, I gain nothing.

[Love is patient, love is kind. It is not jealous, love is not pompous, it is not inflated, it is not rude, it does not seek its own interest, it is not quick-tempered, it does not brood over injury, it does not rejoice over wrongdoing but rejoices with the truth.

Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never fails. In the end there are but three things that last – faith, hope, love, and the greatest of these is love.]

**The Word of the Lord.**

**42. A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians 15:20-28 or 15:20-23**

Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep. For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead came also through a human being. For just as in Adam all die, so too in Christ shall all be brought to life, but each one in proper order: Christ the first fruits; then, at his coming, those who belong to Christ;

[then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to his God and Father. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death, for "he subjected everything under his feet." But when it says that everything has been subjected, it is clear that it excludes the One who subjected everything to him. When every thing is subjected to him, then the Son himself will also be subjected to the One who subjected everything to him, so that God may be all in all.]

**The Word of the Lord.**

***43. A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians 15:51-57***

Behold, I tell you a mystery. We shall not all fall asleep, but we will all be changed, in an instant, in the blink of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. For that which is corruptible must clothe itself with incorruptibility, and that which is mortal must clothe itself with immortality. And when that which is corruptible clothes itself with incorruptibility and that which is mortal clothes itself with immortality, then the word that is written shall come about:

Death is swallowed up in victory.

Where, O death, is your victory?

Where, O death, is your sting?

The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

**The Word of the Lord.**

***44. A reading from the second letter of Paul to the Corinthians 4:7-11, 16-18***

But we hold this treasure in earthen vessels, that the surpassing power may be of God and not from us. We are afflicted in every way, but not constrained; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying about in the body the dying of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our body. For we who live are constantly being given up to death for the sake of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may be manifested in our mortal flesh.

Therefore, we are not discouraged; rather, although our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day. For this momentary light affliction is producing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, as we look not to what is seen but to what is unseen; for what is seen is transitory, but what is unseen is eternal.

**The Word of the Lord.**

***45. A reading from the second letter of Paul to the Corinthians 4:14 - 5:1***

We know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and place us with you in his presence. Every thing indeed is for you, so that the grace bestowed in abundance on more and more people may cause the thanksgiving to overflow for the glory of God. Therefore, we are not discouraged; rather, although our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day. For this momentary light affliction is producing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, as we look not to what is seen but to what is unseen; for what is seen is transitory, but what is unseen is eternal.

For we know that if our earthly dwelling, a tent, should be destroyed, we have a building from God, a dwelling not made with hands, eternal in heaven.

**The Word of the Lord.**

***46. A reading from the second letter of Paul to the Corinthians 5:1, 6-10***

We know that if our earthly dwelling, a tent, should be destroyed, we have a building from God, a dwelling not made with hands, eternal in heaven.

So we are always courageous, although we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord, for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yet we are courageous, and we would rather leave the body and go home to the Lord. Therefore, we aspire to please him, whether we are at home or away. For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive recompense, according to what he did in the body, whether good or evil.

**The Word of the Lord.**

***47. A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians 3:20-21***

Our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we also await a savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will change our lowly body to conform with his glorified body by the power that enables him also to bring all things into subjection to himself.

**The Word of the Lord.**

***48. A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians 4:4-9***

Brothers and sisters: Rejoice in the Lord always. I shall say it again: rejoice! Your kindness should be known to all. The Lord is near. Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God. Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing what you have learned and received and heard and seen in me. Then the God of peace will be with you.

**The Word of the Lord.**

***49. A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Thessalonians 4:13-18***

We do not want you to be unaware, brothers [sisters], about those who have fallen asleep, so that you may not grieve like the rest, who have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose, so too will God, through Jesus, bring with him those who have fallen asleep. Indeed, we tell you this, on the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will surely not precede those who have fallen asleep. For the Lord himself, with a word of command, with the voice of an archangel and with the trumpet of God, will come down from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. Thus we shall always be with the Lord. Therefore, console one another with these words.

**The Word of the Lord.**

***50. A reading from the second letter of Paul to Timothy 2:8-13***

Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David: such is my gospel, for which I am suffering, even to the point of chains, like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. Therefore, I bear with everything for the sake of those who are chosen, so that they too may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, together with eternal glory. This saying is trustworthy:

If we have died with him we shall also live with him;

If we persevere we shall also reign with him.

But if we deny him he will deny us.

If we are unfaithful he remains faithful,

For he cannot deny himself.

**The Word of the Lord.**

***51. A reading from the second letter of Paul to Timothy 4:6-8, 18***

For I am already being poured out like a libation, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have competed well; I have finished the race; I have kept the faith. From now on the crown of righteousness awaits me, which the Lord, the just judge, will award to me on that day, and not only to me, but to all who have longed for his appearance. The Lord will rescue me from every evil threat and will bring me safe to his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory forever and ever. Amen.

**The Word of the Lord.**

***52. A reading from the first letter of John 3:1-2***

See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God. Yet so we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we shall be has not yet been revealed. We do know that when it is revealed we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.

**The Word of the Lord.**

***53. A reading from the first letter of John 3:14-16***

We know that we have passed from death to life because we love our brothers [sisters]. Whoever does not love remains in death. Everyone who hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life remaining in him. The way we came to know love was that he laid down his life for us; so we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers [sisters].

**The Word of the Lord.**

***54. A reading from the first letter of John 4:7-12***

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is of God; everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God. Whoever is without love does not know God, for God is love. In this way the love of God was revealed to us: God sent his only-begotten Son into the world so that we might have life through him. In this is love: Not that we have loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as expiation for our sins.

Beloved, if God so loved us, we must also love one another. No one has ever seen God. Yet, if we love one another, God remains in us, and his love is brought to perfection in us.

**The Word of the Lord.**



## **ALLELUIA VERSES TO BE SUNG BEFORE THE GOSPEL**

### **55. *Matthew 11:25***

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth;  
you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.

### **56. *Matthew 11:28***

Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened,  
and I will give you rest, says the Lord.

### **57. *Matthew 25:34***

Come, you whom my Father has blessed, says the Lord;  
inherit the kingdom prepared for you since the foundation of the world.

### **58. *John 3:16***

God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son,  
that all who believe in him might have eternal life.

### **59. *John 6:39***

This is the will of my Father, says the Lord, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me,  
and that I should raise it up on the last day.

### **60. *John 6:40***

This is the will of my Father, says the Lord, that all who believe in the Son will have eternal life  
and I will raise them to life again on the last day.

### **61. *John 6:51a***

I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord;  
whoever eats this bread will live for ever.

### **62. *John 11:25a, 26***

I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord;  
whoever believes in me will not die for ever.

### **63. *Philippians 3:20***

Our true home is in heaven, and Jesus Christ, whose return we long for,  
will come from heaven to save us.

### **64. *2 Timothy 2:11b-12a***

If we die with Christ, we shall live with him,  
and if we are faithful to the end, we shall reign with him.

### **65. *Revelation 1:5a, 6b***

Jesus Christ is the firstborn from the dead;  
glory and kingship be his for ever and ever. Amen.

### **66. *Revelation 14:13***

Blessed are those who have died in the Lord;  
let them rest from their labors for their good deeds go with them.

## **GOSPEL READINGS**

### ***67. A reading from the holy gospel according to Matthew 5:1-12a***

When he saw the crowds, Jesus went up the mountain, and after he had sat down, his disciples came to him. He began to teach them, saying:

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are they who mourn, for they will be comforted.

Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the land.

Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be satisfied.

Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.

Blessed are the clean of heart, for they will see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness,  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you and utter every kind of evil against you falsely because of me. Rejoice and be glad for your reward will be great in heaven."

**The Gospel of the Lord.**

### ***68. A reading from the holy gospel according to Matthew 11:25-30***

On one occasion Jesus spoke thus: "I give praise to you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for although you have hidden these things from the wise and the learned you have revealed them to the childlike. Yes, Father, such has been your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father. No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son wishes to reveal him. "Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest for yourselves. For my yoke is easy, and my burden light."

**The Gospel of the Lord.**

### ***69. A reading from the holy gospel according to Matthew 18:1-5***

At that time the disciples approached Jesus and said, "Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?" He called a child over, placed it in their midst, and said, "Amen, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven. Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. And whoever receives one child such as this in my name receives me."

**The Gospel of the Lord.**

### ***70. A reading from the holy gospel according to Matthew 25:1-13***

Jesus spoke this parable to his disciples:

"The kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five were wise. The foolish ones, when taking their lamps, brought no oil with them, but the wise brought flasks of oil with their lamps. Since the bridegroom was long delayed, they all became drowsy and fell asleep. At midnight, there was a cry, 'Behold, the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!' Then all those virgins got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish ones said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise ones replied, 'No, for there may not be enough for us and you. Go instead to the merchants and buy some for yourselves.' While they went off to buy it, the bridegroom came and those who were ready went into the wedding feast with him. Then the door was locked. Afterwards the other virgins came and said, 'Lord, Lord, open the door for us!' But he said in reply, 'Amen, I say to you, I do not know you.' Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

**The Gospel of the Lord.**

***71. A reading from the holy gospel according to Matthew 25:31-46***

Jesus said to his disciples:

"When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit upon his glorious throne, and all the nations will be assembled before him. And he will separate them one from another, as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. He will place the sheep on his right and the goats on his left. Then the king will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father. Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me.' Then the righteous will answer him and say, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? When did we see you ill or in prison, and visit you?' And the king will say to them in reply, 'Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.'

"Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you accursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, a stranger and you gave me no welcome, naked and you gave me no clothing, ill and in prison, and you did not care for me.' Then they will answer and say, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or ill or in prison, and not minister to your needs?' He will answer them, 'Amen, I say to you, what you did not do for one of these least ones, you did not do for me.' And these will go off to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life."

**The Gospel of the Lord.**

***72. A reading from the holy gospel according to Mark 15:33-39; 16:1-6 or 15:33-39***

At noon darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. And at three o'clock Jesus cried out in a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?" which is translated, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" Some of the bystanders who heard it said, "Look, he is calling Elijah." One of them ran, soaked a sponge with wine, put it on a reed, and gave it to him to drink, saying, "Wait, let us see if Elijah comes to take him down." Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last. The veil of the sanctuary was torn in two from top to bottom. When the centurion who stood facing him saw how he breathed his last he said, "Truly this man was the Son of God!" [When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, Mary, the mother of James, and Salome bought spices so that they might go and anoint him. Very early when the sun had risen, on the first day of the week, they came to the tomb. They were saying to one another, "Who will roll back the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" When they looked up, they saw that the stone had been rolled back; it was very large. On entering the tomb they saw a young man sitting on the right side, clothed in a white robe, and they were utterly amazed. He said to them, "Do not be amazed! You seek Jesus of Nazareth, the crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Be hold, the place where they laid him."]

**The Gospel of the Lord.**

***73. A reading from the holy gospel according to Luke 7:11-17***

Jesus journeyed to a city called Nain, and his disciples and a large crowd accompanied him. As he drew near to the gate of the city, a man who had died was being carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow. A large crowd from the city was with her. When the Lord saw her, he was moved with pity for her and said to her, "Do not weep." He stepped forward and touched the coffin; at this the bearers halted, and he said, "Young man, I tell you, arise!" The dead man sat up and began to speak, and Jesus gave him to his mother. Fear seized them all, and they glorified God, exclaiming, "A great prophet has arisen in our midst," and "God has visited his people." This report about him spread through the whole of Judea and in all the surrounding region.

**The Gospel of the Lord.**

**74. A reading from the holy gospel according to Luke 9:23-27**

Then he said to all, "if anyone wishes to come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will save it. What profit is there for one to gain the whole world yet lose or forfeit himself?

Whoever is ashamed of me and of my words, the Son of Man will be ashamed of when he comes in his glory and in the glory of the Father and of the holy angels.

Truly I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death until they see the kingdom of God."

**The Gospel of the Lord.**

**75. A reading from the holy gospel according to Luke 12:35-40**

Jesus said to his disciples:

"Gird your loins and light your lamps and be like servants who await their masters return from a wedding, ready to open immediately when he comes and knocks. Blessed are those servants whom the master finds vigilant on his arrival. Amen, I say to you, he will gird himself, have them recline at table, and proceed to wait on them. And should he come in the second or third watch and find them prepared in this way, blessed are those servants. Be sure of this: if the master of the house had known the hour when the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come."

**The Gospel of the Lord.**

**76. A reading from the holy gospel according to Luke 20:34-38**

Jesus said to them,

"The children of this age marry and re-marry; but those who are deemed worthy to attain to the coming age and to the resurrection of the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. They can no longer die, for they are like angels; and they are the children of God because they are the ones who will rise. That the dead will rise even Moses made known in the passage about the bush, when he called 'Lord' the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob; and he is not God of the dead, but of the living, for to him all are alive."

**The Gospel of the Lord.**

**77. A reading from the holy gospel according to Luke 23:33, 39-43**

When they came to the place called the Skull, they crucified Jesus and the criminals there, one on his right, the other on his left. Now one of the criminals hanging there reviled Jesus, saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us." The other, however, rebuking him, said in reply, "Have you no fear of God, for you are subject to the same condemnation? And in deed, we have been condemned justly, for the sentence we received corresponds to our crimes, but this man has done nothing criminal." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." He replied to him, "Amen, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

**The Gospel of the Lord.**

**78. A reading from the holy gospel according to Luke 23:44-46, 50, 52-53; 24:1-6a or 44-46, 50, 52-53**

It was now about noon and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon because of an eclipse of the sun. Then the veil of the temple was torn down the middle. Jesus cried out in a loud voice, "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit"; and when he had said this he breathed his last.

Now there was a virtuous and righteous man named Joseph who, though he was a member of the council, went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. After he had taken the body down, he wrapped it in a linen cloth and laid him in a rock-hewn tomb in which no one had yet been buried.

*[But at daybreak on the first day of the week the women took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb; but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. While they were puzzling over this, behold, two men in dazzling garments appeared to them. They were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground. They said to them, "Why do you seek the living one among the dead? He is not here, but he has been raised."]*

**The Gospel of the Lord.**

**79. A reading from the holy gospel according to Luke 24:13-35 or 24:13- 16, 28-35**

Now that very day the first day of the week two of the disciples were going to a village seven miles from Jerusalem called Emmaus, and they were conversing about all the things that had occurred. And it happened that while they were conversing and debating, Jesus himself drew near and walked with them, but their eyes were prevented from recognizing him.

*[He asked them, "What are you discussing as you walk along?" They stopped, looking downcast. One of them, named Cleopas, said to him in reply, "Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know of the things that have taken place there in these days?" And he replied to them, "What sort of things?" They said to him, "The things that happened to Jesus the Nazarene, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, how our chief priests and rulers both handed him over to a sentence of death and crucified him. But we were hoping that he would be the one to redeem Israel; and besides all this, it is now the third day since this took place. Some women from our group, however, have astounded us: they were at the tomb early in the morning and did not find his body; they came back and reported that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who announced that he was alive. Then some of those with us went to the tomb and found things just as the women had described, but him they did not see."*

*And he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are! How slow of heart to believe all that the prophets spoke! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and enter into his glory?" Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them what referred to him in all the scriptures.]*

As they approached the village to which they were going, he gave the impression that he was going on farther. But they urged him, "Stay with us, for it is nearly evening and the day is almost over." So he went in to stay with them. And it happened that, while he was with them at table, he took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them. With that their eyes were opened and they recognized him, but he vanished from their sight. Then they said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he spoke to us on the way and opened the scriptures to us?" So they set out at once and returned to Jerusalem where they found gathered together the eleven and those with them who were saying, "The Lord has truly been raised and has appeared to Simon!" Then the two recounted what had taken place on the way and how he was made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

**The Gospel of the Lord.**

**80. A reading from the holy gospel according to John 5:24-29**

Jesus said to the Jews:

"Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever hears my word and believes in the one who sent me has eternal life and will not come to condemnation, but has passed from death to life. Amen, amen, I say to you, the hour is coming and is now here when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear will live. For just as the Father has life in himself, so also he gave to his Son the possession of life in himself. And he gave him power to exercise judgment, because he is the Son of Man. Do not be amazed at this, because the hour is coming in which all who are in the tombs will hear his voice and will come out, those who have done good deeds to the resurrection of life, but those who have done wicked deeds to the resurrection of condemnation."

**The Gospel of the Lord.**

**81. A reading from the holy gospel according to John 6:37-40**

Jesus said to the crowd:

"Everything that the Father gives me will come to me, and I will not reject anyone who comes to me, because I came down from heaven not to do my own will but the will of the one who sent me. And this is the will of the one who sent me, that I should not lose anything of what he gave me, but that I should raise it on the last day. For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who sees the Son and believes in him may have eternal life, and I shall raise him on the last day."

**The Gospel of the Lord.**

**82. A reading from the holy gospel according to John 6:51-58**

Jesus said to the crowd: "I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world." The Jews quarreled among themselves, saying, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" Jesus said to them, "Amen, amen, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him on the last day. For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him. Just as the living Father sent me and I have life because of the Father, so also the one who feeds on me will have life because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven. Unlike your ancestors who ate and still died, whoever eats this bread will live for ever.

**The Gospel of the Lord.**

**83. A reading from the holy gospel according to John 11:17-27 or 11:21-27**

*[When Jesus arrived in Bethany, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, only about two miles away. And many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to comfort them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went to meet him; but Mary sat at home.]*

Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that whatever you ask of God, God will give you." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise." Martha said to him, "I know he will rise, in the resurrection on the last day." Jesus told her, "I am the resurrection and the life; who ever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord. I have come to believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one who is coming into the world."

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**84. A reading from the holy gospel according to John 11:32-45**

When Mary came to where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." When Jesus saw her weeping and the Jews who had come with her weeping, he became perturbed and deeply troubled, and said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Sir, come and see." And Jesus wept. So the Jews said, "See how he loved him." But some of them said, "Could not the one who opened the eyes of the blind man have done something so that this man would not have died?"

So Jesus, perturbed again, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay across it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the dead man's sister, said to him, "Lord, by now there will be a stench; he has been dead for four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. And Jesus raised his eyes and said, "Father, I thank you for hearing me. I know that you always hear me; but because of the crowd here I have said this, that they may believe that you sent me." And when he had said this, he cried out in a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, tied hand and foot with burial bands, and his face was wrapped in a cloth. So Jesus said to them, "Untie him and let him go." Now many of the Jews who had come to Mary and seen what he had done began to believe in him.

**The Gospel of the Lord.**

**85. A reading from the holy gospel according to John 12:23-32 or 12:23-26**

Jesus told his disciples:

"The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Amen, amen, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit. Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will preserve it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there also will my servant be. The Father will honor whoever serves me.

*["I am troubled now. Yet what should I say? 'Father, save me from this hour'? But it was for this purpose that I came to this hour. Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it and will glorify it again." The crowd there heard it and said it was thunder; but others said, "An angel has spoken to him." Jesus answered and said, "This voice did not come for my sake but for yours. Now is the time of judgment on this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And when I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw everyone to myself."]*

**The Gospel of the Lord.**

**86. A reading from the holy gospel according to John 13:33-35**

Jesus told his disciples:

"My children, I will be with you only a little while longer. You will look for me, and as I told the Jews, 'Where I go you cannot come,' so now I say it to you. I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another. This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

**The Gospel of the Lord.**

**87. A reading from the holy gospel according to John 14:1-6**

Jesus said to his disciples:

"Do not let your hearts be troubled. You have faith in God; have faith also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If there were not, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back again and take you to myself, so that where I am you also may be. Where I am going you know the way." Thomas said to him, "Master, we do not know where you are going; how can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

**The Gospel of the Lord.**

**88. A reading from the holy gospel according to John 14:18-20, 27**

Jesus said to his disciples:

"I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me, because I live and you will live. On that day you will realize that I am in my Father and you are in me and I in you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give it to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid. If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father; for the Father is greater than I."

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**89. A reading from the holy gospel according to John 15:1-17 or 9-12**

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. Remain in me, as I remain in you. Just as a branch cannot bear fruit on its own unless it remains on the vine, so neither can you unless you remain in me.

I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing.

*[As the Father loves me, so I also love you. Remain in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love.*

*"I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and your joy may be complete. This is my commandment: love one another as I love you.]*

No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I no longer call you slaves, because a slave does not know what his master is doing. I have called you friends, because I have told you everything I have heard from my Father. It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name he may give you.

This I command you: love one another.

**The Word of the Lord**

**90. A reading from the holy gospel according to John 16:20-24**

"Amen, amen, I say to you, you will weep and mourn, while the world rejoices; you will grieve, but your grief will become joy. When a woman is in labor, she is in anguish because her hour has arrived; but when she has given birth to a child, she no longer remembers the pain because of her joy that a child has been born into the world. So you also are now in anguish. But I will see you again, and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy away from you. On that day you will not question me about anything. Amen, amen, I say to you, whatever you ask the Father in my name he will give you. Until now you have not asked anything in my name; ask and you will receive, so that your joy may be complete."

**The Gospel of the Lord.**

**91. A reading from the holy gospel according to John 17:24-26**

Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said: "Father, [my disciples] are your gift to me. I wish that where I am they also may be with me, that they may see my glory that you gave me, because you loved me before the foundation of the world. Righteous Father, the world also does not know you, but I know you, and they know that you sent me. I made known to them your name and I will make it known, that the love with which you loved me may be in them and I in them."

**The Gospel of the Lord.**

**92. A reading from the holy gospel according to John 19:17-18, 25-30**

Jesus carrying the cross himself went out to what is called the Place of the Skull, in Hebrew, Golgotha. There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, with Jesus in the middle. Standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary of Magdala. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple there whom he loved, he said to his mother, "Woman, behold, your son." Then he said to the disciple, "Behold, your mother." And from that hour the disciple took her into his home. After this, aware that everything was now finished, in order that the scripture might be fulfilled, Jesus said, "I thirst." There was a vessel filled with common wine. So they put a sponge soaked in wine on a sprig of hyssop and put it up to his mouth.

When Jesus had taken the wine, he said, "It is finished." And bowing his head, he handed over the spirit.

**The Gospel of the Lord.**



## Music

Music is an integral part of the Funeral Mass. Saint Joan of Arc has committed musicians for Funeral Masses. Specific musicians may be requested, and we will make every effort to honor your requests. Outside musician must be submitted for approval by Clergy. No pre-recorded music can be played during the Mass.

The following list of songs are approved for the Funeral Mass Liturgy. Please select a song from each bolded section. Our musicians reserve the final decision on what music will be sung/played during the Funeral Mass.

### **Entrance Hymn:**

All You Who Seek a Comfort Sure  
Holy, Holy, Holy!  
How Lovely Is Your Dwelling Place  
Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven  
Praise to the Lord, the Almighty  
The Strife is O'er

### **Entrance Antiphon (optional):**

"Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them."

### **Responsorial Psalm:**

\*Please refer to list of Psalms on pages 8-10

### **Offertory Hymn:**

Abide with Me  
Ave Maria  
Be Not Afraid  
Be Still, My Soul  
Be Thou My Vision  
Christ the Lord is Ris'n Today  
Eye Has Not Seen  
For the Beauty of the Earth  
Lead Kindly Light  
O Sanctissima  
Precious Lord Take My Hand  
The King of Love My Shepherd Is

### **Communion Hymn:**

Jesus, My Lord, My God, My All  
Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence  
O Sacrament Most Holy  
Panis Angelicus  
Soul of My Savior

**Communion Antiphon (optional):** "Let perpetual light shine upon them, O Lord, with your Saints forever, for you are merciful."

### **Songs of Farewell (sung while priest incenses the casket or cremains)**

Celtic Song of Farewell  
Song of Farewell  
In Paradisum

### **Processional Hymn:**

Hail Holy Queen Enthroned Above  
Holy God We Praise Thy Name  
How Great Thou Art  
Lift High the Cross  
O God beyond All Praising

### **Other optional songs:**

Go in Peace - Sarah Hart  
Blessed by Your Sacrifice  
A Mighty Fortress  
All is Well With My Soul  
In Every Age  
Let There be Peace On Earth  
The Cry of the Poor  
Morning has Broken  
Turn to Me  
Hosea  
Who Is the Crucified  
The King of Glory  
You are Near  
Seek the Lord  
Amazing Grace  
On Eagle's Wings

